GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROTECTION OF TREES IN NDMC AREAS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of trees in the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area fall/get uprooted every year during storms, heavy rainfall and are chopped due to concretisation of pavements and civil works;

(b) if so, the total number of trees which fell/got uprooted/were chopped during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether any study has been conducted on the health of trees in the NDMC area;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken on the findings of the study;

(e) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent felling of trees, strengthening of existing ones, planting of new saplings etc.;

(f) if so, the details alongwith the number of new saplings planted during each of the last three years and the current year; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) & (b): As per 2006 census, there are approximately 96,000 trees on the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) land, out of which 247 trees, as per the details given below, fell or got uprooted due to age and natural reasons like storms, etc:

Year	Number of trees fallen due to wind, etc
2007 -08	71
2008-09	92
2009-10	84
Total	247

(c) to (g): Yes, Madam. The NDMC had consulted the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun for carrying out study of status of trees. The Institute surveyed 6288 trees on 48 roads and found 5507 trees healthy, 435 trees dead or decayed, 86 trees deformed, 221 trees diseased and physical injury on 145 trees. Out of these, 196 trees were recommended for removal/ treatment by the Forest Research Institute. The NDMC IS taking various measures for protection of trees, which include maintaining the area around the tree basins by cleaning of tree basins, application of good earth and manure, watering, etc; regular training of staff in plant protection and tree disease treatment through the Forest Research Institute and the Indian Agricultural Reaserch Institute; planting new saplings in the gaps created after removal of wind fallen l dry trees, introduction of tree ambulance for taking proper care of trees, etc.

The number of saplings planted in last three years is as under:

Year	Number of saplings planted
2007-08	20411
2008-09	20093
2009-10	20000